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Quincy Man Charged with Manufacturing Meth

Springfield, IL - Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a federal grand jury has returned an indictment charging a Quincy, Illinois man with manufacturing methamphetamine. Jacques Semaj Gholston, age 33, of 233 Locust Street, Quincy, is also charged with one count of possession of a listed chemical with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

The indictment alleges that Gholston manufactured methamphetamine on or about March 13, 2006, in Quincy, and that on or about April 4, 2006, he possessed pseudoephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine.

If convicted of manufacture of methamphetamine, the offense has a maximum statutory penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1,000,000. If a defendant has a prior felony drug conviction, the penalty is up to 30 years imprisonment and a fine of \$2,000,000. Possession of pseudoephedrine carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison a fine of \$250,000.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Quincy Police Department, Adams County Sheriff's Department and the Illinois State Police. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory M. Gilmore.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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